

# Williams-Cone School Principal's Newsletter

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*"Williams-Cone School is a safe and kind community that inspires every student to succeed. "  
-Compassionate, Curious, Confident Learners-*

## December

### **Hello WCS Families!**

Thank-you for participating in the recent Parent/Teacher Conferences. Your support is always very appreciated and needed as we work together to provide instructional programming that meets the needs of every student. Here are highlights of things happening around WCS:

### **Kindergarten & Grade 1 Return to Four Day In-Person Learning**

**Monday, December 7th**

A reminder that students in kindergarten and grade one will return to four day in-person learning on Monday, December 7th. This means that students from Cohorts A and B will merge

together and attend school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Kindergarten and first grade students will continue to engage in at-home learning activities on Hybrid Wednesdays. Staff and students have been preparing for the potential impact that the increased number of students in classrooms, hallways, playground and buses will have on our school. This will help to ensure safety for all.

Parents/caregivers who provide transportation to and/or from school should anticipate that the arrival and dismissal procedures may take a little more time due to the increased number of students. Our school staff will work together to ensure continued safety in all areas of our school environment but your patience, understanding and support continues to be needed and very appreciated.

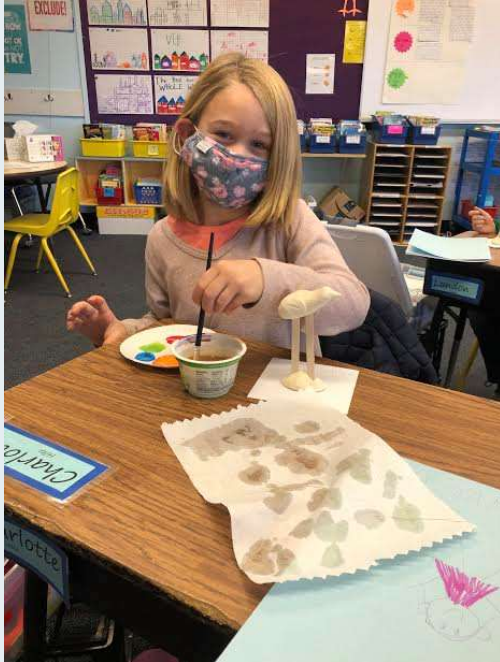
### Welcome Miss Folger!



Miss Claudia Folger recently joined the WCS first grade teacher team. She will graduate from the University of Maine at Orono with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in English as a Second Language this month. Miss Folger's teaching experiences include student teaching second grade in the Portland Public Schools and kindergarten placements in Brewer and Old Town, Maine. Additionally, she has worked as a substitute teacher for RSU #34 as well as a Teacher Assistant for Stillwater Montessori School in Old Town.

A new first grade class has been created due to ensure that all safety requirements are met when kindergarten and first grade students return to four day in-person learning on December 7th. Students from both Mrs. Greenleaf's and Miss Marster's classrooms have been placed in the new classroom. We are very excited to have Miss Folger join our school team!

## Trimester 2 Specials



**Trimester 2 begins on Monday, December 7th.** This means that each grade level will engage in a new special area subjects (art, music, phys. ed.). Please note the following for Trimester 2:

Kindergarten & Grade 3: Art

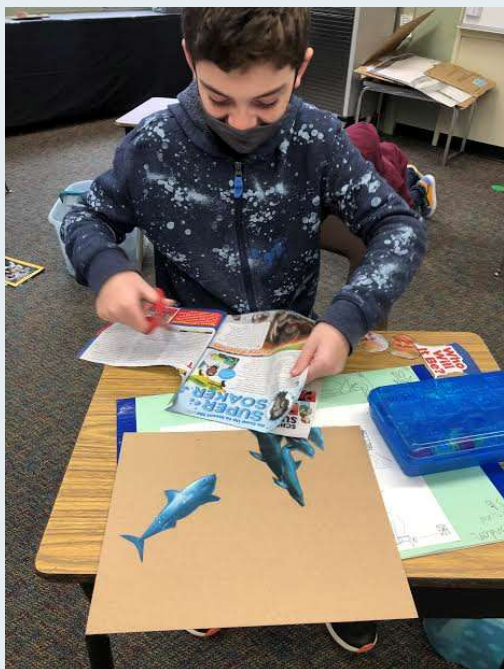
Grade 2 & Grade 5: Phys. Ed.

Grade 1 & Grade 4: Music

**Option #1 Families:** Moving forward it is very important that students engage in all at-home learning activities that are assigned by the special area teachers (art, music and phys. ed.). These activities directly support and enhance the learning that is taking place. Students are required to complete the at-home learning activities. If your student(s) is experiencing difficulty completing any at-home learning assignments, please do not hesitate to reach out to his/her teacher(s).

**Option #2 Families:** It is also very important that Option #2 students attend and actively engage in the weekly special area classes that are held virtually on Hybrid Wednesdays. Option

#2 students should also engage in all at-home learning activities that are assigned by the special area teachers (art, music and phys. ed.) because they directly support and enhance the learning that is taking place. If your student(s) is experiencing difficulty completing any at-home learning assignments, please reach out to his/her teacher(s).



**\*Schedule for week of 12/7-12/11**

12/7 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Cohorts A & B

Grades 2-5 Cohort A

12/8 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Cohorts A & B

Grades 2-5 Cohort A

**12/9 Hybrid Wednesday-At Home Learning for All**



12/10 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Cohorts A & B  
Grades 2-5 Cohort B

12/11 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Cohorts A & B  
Grades 2-5 Cohort B

**\*Schedule for week of 12/14-12/18**

12/14 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Cohorts A & B  
Grades 2-5 Cohort A

12/15 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Cohorts A & B  
Grades 2-5 Cohort A

**12/16 Hybrid Wednesday-At Home Learning for All**

12/17 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Cohorts A & B  
Grades 2-5 Cohort B

12/18 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Cohorts A & B  
Grades 2-5 Cohort B

**\*Schedule for week of 12/21& 12/22**

12/21 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Cohorts A & B  
**\*Grades 2-5 Cohort B**

12/22 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Cohorts A & B  
**\*Grades 2-5 Cohort B**

**\*Note: Cohort B (Grades 2-5) will attend school in-person on Monday, 12/21 and Tuesday, 12/22 along with Kindergarten and first grade (Cohorts A & B combined).**

**\*FOWC Meeting, Monday, December 14th, 5:00 P.M. Via Zoom**

<https://zoom.us/j/94459875576?pwd=YkJSMGc2ckRhU2dGUxNaUzlwNEJwdz09>

Meeting ID: 944 5987 5576

Passcode: 246437

**\*Winter Break 1 December 23-January 3rd**



Free breakfasts and lunches continue to be available. Please note the dates and times for pick up at WCS for the next three weeks:

Lunch Distribution:

Wednesday, December 9th: 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 16th: 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, December 22nd: 12:00-1:00 P.M.

A new report card has been designed after input from parents, families and staff. This new report card will be implemented in kindergarten through grade five. During parent-teacher



conferences your child's teacher will talk with you about what content and skills have been taught during the first trimester. They will share your child's progress with the content and skills.

**\*December 4th**-Trimester 1 ends

**\*December 11th**-Report cards sent home with Cohort A students and mailed in PDF form to Option #2 families.

**\*December 15th**-Report cards sent home with Cohort B students.



As mentioned in previous communications, the staff and I are working together to model, teach and practice a posture of gratitude through this pandemic. We are learning so many life lessons along with your children during this challenging season. This includes recognizing the resources that we have and utilizing them with great creativity and skill. Thank-you WCS for your continued grace, patience and support. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you find yourself in need of support.

Your Principal,

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The monthly Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports Assemblies were held this week for Cohorts A and B via zoom. Students of the Month were chosen from every classroom and both co-horts. Classroom teachers

selected the Students of the Month based on students consistently demonstrating our school's Code of Cooperation: Rights, Respect and Responsibility. Congratulations Students of the Month!

## Cohort A

Kindergarten: Adele C. (Dubreuil) & Eamon F.(Bowie)





**Grade One: Eamon F. (Greenleaf) & Eva E. (Marsters)**



**Addison B.-Grade 3 (Anagnostis), River D. -Grade 2 (McCormick), Addison G. -Grade 2 (Wilbur), Braedyn B.-Grade 3 (San Pedro)**



**Grade Four: Chance H. (Ebel) & Ethan F. (Theberge)**



**Grade 5: Lukas J. (Bretschneider) & Kamryn C. (Carroll)**



## **Cohort B**

**Kindergarten: Shea M. (Bowie) & Chase S. (Dubreuil)**



**Grade One: Julia H. (Greenleaf) & Blair S.(Marsters)**



**Violet B.-Grade 3 (Wilbur), Sam M.-Grade 2(McCormick), Audrey T.-Grade 2 (San Pedro),  
Kennedy P.-Grade 3 (Anagnostis)**



**Grade Four: Sophia M. (Ebel) & Beatrix T. (Theberge)**



**Grade Five: Joy S. (Bretschneider) & Landon P. (Carroll)**



## Message from Mr. Cardoza & Ms. Carin WCS School Counselor & Social Worker



## WCS Help for Families 2020

The pandemic has created many needs for many families. We are thinking about all of you and want to offer support and assistance as we continue to live through this difficult time. If you are in need of assistance for your family we hope you will feel comfortable being in touch with us or accessing community resources.

Jeff Cardoza, our School Counselor, and Carin Stromgren, our Social Worker are familiar with resources in our community that help families meet their basic needs for food, shelter and heat, and other needs related to holidays, divorce, job loss, moving, etc.

### Easy Steps for Getting Help:

**Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program** offers our students and families snacks at school and bags of extra food to help over the weekend. Snacks can be accessed through the classroom teacher, and weekend bags of food can be requested on Wednesdays at the lunch pick up at Williams-Cone School. Please call Mr. C or Carin if you are interested in some food help.

**Holiday Assistance** Williams-Cone School has a variety of community members who offer assistance with holiday meals and/ or gifts for families. Should you need assistance with meals or holiday gifts please call Mr. C or Carin to discuss your family's individual needs.

**United Way and Other Community Groups** are organizations committed to offering help of many kinds, for things such as housing, heat, and holiday gifts and food. Calling the number **211** will connect you with a friendly person at United Way who can hear what you need and steer you to the best place.



Particularly due to changes in the ways community groups are operating right now, calling **211** is an excellent starting place.

**Linda Dumont at the Topsham Town Office** at: 725-1725, [ldumont@topshammaine.com](mailto:ldumont@topshammaine.com), can help families access general help for basic needs, holiday gift help, heating help and can be a general resource for Topsham families.

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## WCS Staff Interview

**Featuring: Mrs. Sanders, WCS Administrative Secretary**



Pictured here is Mr. Sanders, granddaughter Madeline and Mrs. Sanders

**Number of years at WCS:** 26 years

**Family:** I have a fabulous husband, two daughters and four grandchildren.

**Pets:** My pets are outside farm animals. We have many chickens that lay eggs, turkeys and a goat named Nay.

**Favorite Color:** It's hard to pick just one. Orange, yellow and red.

**Hobbies:** I like to keep busy outside. I love to ride my bicycle and I walk most everyday. My inside hobbies are crocheting, sewing, puzzles, reading and baking.

**Favorite Types of Books:** I love to read most anything except for horror stories.

**A Fact That is Unique to Mrs. Sanders:**

Over the summer months I rode my bike over 400 miles!

**Pictured below is one of Mrs. Sanders' creative crocheted designs!**





# Friends of Williams-Cone

## Williams-Cone

## Wear

**Sale:** Orders for Tshirts, sweatshirts and beanies featuring the WCS mascot and logo were due December 4th. Pick-up of items will be on Monday, December 21st from 4:00-6:00 P.M. and Tuesday, December

22nd from 4:30-5:30 P.M. at WCS. If these pick up times do not work for you, please contact Andrea Imrie @ FOWC via email: [friendsofwilliamscone@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwilliamscone@gmail.com) or call 207-837-7178. Thank-you!

**Food Drive:** FOWC helped our community by collecting non-perishable food items for Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program throughout the month of November . Many thanks to our WCS families and staff for their generosity to this vital community resource.



### Box Tops For Education Has Gone Digital!

The box tops clippings are becoming more few and far between as they transition the program to be fully digital.



Download the app to your phone and scan your grocery receipts to earn easy money for WCS! The app will find participating products that you purchased at any store and instantly add cash to our WCS account.

Scan the receipts within 14 days of purchase.

There are special bonus offers on top of your Box Tops earnings too!

